

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2014-15 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 26, 2015

MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA

No hunter reports from this area this past week on how many birds are in the area or success; however there were birds in a few of the fields over the weekend. The trails going into the parking area are very muddy.

REGISTRATION AREA

The registration trailer and fields have continued to be busy with hunters reporting back on decent success depending on their field selection and time the birds decide to fly. The warm weather has created a lot of muddy conditions; hunters can expect some areas being closed to hunting due to mud in the fields or access roads, this has been changing on a daily basis depending on the mud on trails and in fields. To view the status of areas open or closed to hunting along with the types of crops in the fields at the bottom of the Lower Oahe page or by downloading the app to your smart phone.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Some of the pass shooting areas produced some good opportunities for those willing to hike into the areas. The mud again makes it difficult walking into the canal and pass shooting pits.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

Reports from the striped green area in Stanley County are that there have been decent numbers of birds in and around the fields with the mud being the biggest issue when it comes to accessing the fields. There have been a few hunters willing to carry a few decoys into the field and doing well. The solid green colored area west of 1804 had a few birds in and around them this past week and weekend but no reports on hunter success. The striped green colored fields east of Grey Goose Road had birds in the area last week but it has been hard to get a pattern on them.

SUMMARY

The birds have been coming out at a couple different times depending on the area they have been sitting on the water. Some have continued to come out by mid-morning while others are waiting until late in the afternoon to fly out to the fields. Some hunters were reporting back that they saw birds in and around the fields they were in by sunrise or soon after while others didn't see much until close to the end of shooting time.

The decoy loaner trailers have continued to be busy this month, being used most weekends and several of the week days. The doodle pages to reserve these trailers are updated each Sunday; the page allows hunters to reserve the trailers up to two weeks in advance. Information about the trailers and how to reserve them along with the liability waiver that will need to be filled out and signed can be found on the Lower Oahe Waterfowl page below the link to this report.